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SHANGHAI INQUIRY.

LEADING POWERS AGREED.

CHINESE AS PRESIDENT?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Aug. 4.
In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the principal Powers concerned had now agreed in principle regarding the judicial commission of inquiry into Shanghai disturbances. The precise procedure to be followed was still being discussed, also the composition of the committee, but presumably the commission itself would decide which of its members would preside.

Captain Wedgwood Benn asked would the British representative on the commission favour the appointment of a Chinese as president.

Mr. McNeill said that the Government desired the commission to have the advantage of a Chinese judge thereon but the matter had not been definitely decided.

"AU REVOIR."

PRINCE AND SOUTH AFRICA.

HAPPY MEMORIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Pretoria, Aug. 4.
The Prince of Wales has sent a wireless message to the Governor-General expressing his gratitude for the wonderful hospitality of South Africa and declaring that he will always cherish the happiest recollections of the country.

He says that one of the most encouraging memories of the tour will certainly be the large numbers of happy, healthy children who greeted him everywhere and who will, he knows, realise their good fortune and grow up to be good citizens, in a land endowed with an unrivalled climate and boundless possibilities of development, with confident hope in their own future.

The Prince concludes: "I was very sad at leaving you all and can only say au revoir."

AMERICAN NEGROES.

MARCUS GARVEY TO BE DEPORTED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Atlanta, (Georgia), Aug. 4.
A warrant, which has been issued for the deportation of Marcus Garvey to Jamaica will be served when he is released from the Federal prison, where he is serving a term for fraudulently using the mails.

It is alleged that Garvey sponsored the project to colonise Africa with American negroes.

CANADA'S FUTURE.

NO ANNEXATION WITH THE U. S. A.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Ottawa, August 4.
Mr. Mackenzie King, speaking at Kitchener (Ontario) repudiated the idea of Canada's annexation to the United States, saying: "I believe that Canadians are concerned themselves with such a possibility about the same extent as the United States is concerning itself with annexation to the British Empire." He considered that Canada and the United States were better off as separate entities.

The silk forwarded from here by s.s. Empress of Canada on July 10 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on July 31, having been 21 days in transit.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/8 15/16

MR. SUN FO.

SUDDEN MISSION TO PEKING.

WHAT HAS HE GONE FOR?

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Aug. 4.
Sun Fo arrived at Peking this afternoon accompanied by the Canton Foreign Commissioner, Mr. Fu Ping-chang. Governmental departments sent representatives to meet him.

Mr. Sun Fo is reported to have come here to make arrangements for his father's funeral, but it is stated that he will also probably discuss the Shamen affair with the Government.

POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE?

Mr. Sun Fo, as most people will know, is the son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. He was at his father's bedside when the latter died in Peking but returned to Canton subsequently.

SEVEN KILLED.

TREASURE GUNBOAT EXPLODES.

ENGINE TROUBLE SEQUEL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakoj, Kongsmoon, July 2.
(Arrived by post yesterday.)

The Kongsmoon-Shekki tow-boat has again been piked while under way. No details have come to hand yet.

The gunboat which carries money from Kongsmoon to the Canton Government—such moneys being remittances which Canton has insisted must not be appropriated by local warlords—has sunk on account of an explosion in the engine room. It is stated that the gunboat, was near Yungki when boiler trouble brought about a terrific explosion. Seven of the crew were killed outright but no others were injured.

WHERE 5,600 LEPROS LIVE.



View of the Philippine leper colony on the little island of Culion, for which Governor General Wood has just issued a plea to raise a fund of \$1,000,000. The Philippine Government is able to give but 14 cents a day to the upkeep of each of its 5,600 members.

Prior to Dr. Sun's departure for the North, Mr. Sun Fo had been Mayor of Canton for some time, being the first to hold that post when municipal administration was mooted.

In the subsequent re-organisation of the Kuomintang Government at Canton, after the Yunnanese and Kwangsi mercenaries had been expelled, Mr. Sun Fo was given the post of Minister of Communications.

According to rumours current at the time of Mr. Sun Fo's departure from Canton, he was going either to Shanghai, Peking or to interview Marshal Chang Tso-lin. Mr. Sun Fo is not considered to be one of the Canton radicals. When party strife was being waged in Canton, Mr. Sun's name was connected with the "Prince" party which did not see eye to eye with the allegedly Communist party.

His present mission to Peking may have even more significance than hinted in Reuter's cable, perhaps discussion with either Feng Yu-hsiang (the Christian Executive) or Chang Tso-lin (the Mukden warlord).

[As reported in the "China Mail," Mr. Fu Ping-chang (or Fu Ping-sheung, in Cantonese) is the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Canton. He is fairly young and belongs to Mr. Sun Fo's clique. Educated at St. Stephen's College, he graduated from the Hongkong University. Last year he took part in the negotiations regarding the Shamen strike.]

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

SPECIAL SERVICE ENDS AT MIDNIGHT.

By a proclamation issued to-day H.E. the Governor orders that the period of military service by the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, which commenced on June 21, shall end at midnight to-day.

The Yang Di Pertuan Besar, of Negri Sembilan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kemp, of Hongkong, were guests of the Marchioness of Salisbury on July 7. At a reception on behalf of the Women's Section of the British Empire Exhibition at 21, Arlington Street.

ARMS CASE.

EXEMPLARY SENTENCE AT THE MAGISTRACY.

A VAGABOND JAILED.

The hearing of an arms case against two Chinese, adjourned from last Saturday, was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday with Mr. S. B. B. McDermid and Mr. R. A. D. Forrest sitting together as Magistrates.

Only one man was charged with unlawful possession of a loaded revolver, and he pleaded not guilty. The evidence was that the accused was challenged by Sergeant Gough and a Chinese constable who had noticed him acting in a suspicious manner near the tram terminus at Shaukiwan. The accused was seen to throw the revolver into a nullah. The weapon was subsequently recovered by the police.

The accused was found guilty, and under the powers vested in them by the emergency regulations their Worship imposed a sentence of five years' hard labour.

The other accused was sentenced by Mr. McDermid to six months' hard labour this morning on a charge of being a rogue and a vagabond.

LIGHTNING TOLL.

FATE OF TWO VILLAGE CHILDREN.

A sad accident befell two children from the village of Lok-machau, in the New Territories, when they were returning to their home early on Monday morning after completing an errand.

The children were forced to seek refuge under a tree from the rain, which later developed into a violent thunderstorm.

A clap of thunder which shook the village caused uneasiness in the minds of the relatives, and as soon as the storm had abated they set out in search of the children. They found only the charred remains of the unfortunate children, as the lightning had struck both the tree and those who sought shelter at its foot.

PRESS CASE.

NATIVE REPORTER AS COMPLAINANT.

ALLEGED INTIMIDATION.

A reporter of a vernacular newspaper was the complainant in a case at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese shopkeeper was charged with intimidation.

An application made by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask for bail was refused by the Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) who characterised the offence as a serious one and running on a par with those perpetrated in Peking.

According to information given by the complainant, Lau Manch, when applying for a warrant of apprehension, he had been threatened by the accused for reporting a case concerning a night soil cooler heard before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and had been asked to publish a different statement and an apology.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

MACAO PICKET.

STRIKERS' BRANCH AT CHINSHAN.

LEVIES FROM TRAVELLERS.

(An Occasional Correspondent.)

Macao, Aug. 4.
Because workers from Hongkong have managed to get here by the Shekki tow-boat, a strikers' branch depot has been started at Chinshan, which is in Chinese territory, just outside the Macao boundary.

Instead of coming direct to Macao, the Shekki tow-boat now calls at Chinshan where passengers landed. All those who want to pass the Chinese border are interrogated by a picket. It is stated that workers are not allowed to go and that others are mulcted in "fines" of \$20 or \$25 for the privilege of going through.

ANTI-STRIKE ORATOR.

ALLEGED THROWING OF STONES.

TWO CHINESE CHARGED.

A case of much interest to the Chinese community was again adjourned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest when informed this morning that the proceedings would last several hours owing to there being a number of witnesses on each side.

Sam Choi, an accountant of the Kwong Sang Hong Company, defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and Wong Chuen, defended by Mr. C. H. Lyson, were the accused persons in the prosecution which is being conducted by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence.

The two accused were taken into custody for alleged stone throwing at a street lecturer, who is stated to have been delivering an oration against the strike under the auspices of the Labour Maintenance Association, and in addition to disorderly conduct they are charged with intimidation.

Bail for the second accused was fixed at \$500. Mr. Lyson's application for a reduction was unsuccessful.

The case was fixed for hearing at 12 noon, to-morrow, and during the afternoon.

LOCAL TRADE.

MERCHANTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

Seen this morning in connection with the departure yesterday of the Wosang for Tientsin and the Hangsang for Bangkok, Mr. Ho Leung, comrade of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in reply to the question whether such movements could be taken as representing a return to anything like normal trade conditions, said that the merchants were doing their best and would continue to do so. It was hoped for instance, to get another boat away for Tientsin on Thursday or Friday, but it was impossible to forecast regarding prospects of future general movements of goods, so much hinged on Canton. The Wosang, with a cargo of rice and sugar, was the second boat that the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company had got away to Tientsin since the strike, and in all eleven had been cleared.

"TOOK UMBRAGE."

RELATIVES AT LAW OVER \$1,000.

A plaintiff who claimed \$1,000 from a relative in the Summary Court this morning had it put to him that he had brought the action owing to his having taken umbrage at what he thought was the instrumentality of his relative behind two actions which had been brought against him recently.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, for the defendant relative, also put it to the plaintiff that his client had been further instrumental in obtaining \$40,000 for plaintiff in a previous action and the loan had been made shortly after.

The plaintiff admitted this but as the actual loan was not contested, Mr. Justice J. B. Wood made an order for payment.

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"Opium," "Commerce," "Ship-
ping," "Currency," etc., have been
rewritten and brought up to date.
The Report of the Shanghai Child
Labour Commission is reprinted
in full in the Chapter in "Labour."
"The Political Summary" describes
events up to the end of March,
1925. The Chapter on "Defence"
appears at the end of the Book.
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notified that the Office of Dr.
S. W. T'SO, Assistant Controller
of Labour (Chinese), will be
closed as from WEDNESDAY,
August 5th.

G. M. YOUNG,
Controller of Labour.
Hongkong, Aug. 3, 1925.

**HONGKONG TRAMWAYS,
LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

An INTERIM DIVIDEND of
fifty cents per share has been
declared and will be payable ON
AND AFTER WEDNESDAY,
THE 26TH AUGUST, 1925,
when Dividend Warrants may be
obtained upon application at the
offices of the Company.

The REGISTER OF MEM-
BERS of the Company will be
CLOSED from THURSDAY,
18TH AUGUST to WEDNES-
DAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1925, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 29, 1925.

**THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

With reference to the offer of
new shares dated the 10th June,
1925 (made to existing share-
holders of the Company) by the
terms of which the sum of \$30 per
share was to be paid on or before
the 15th July, 1925, and the sum
of \$30 per share on or before the
15th October, 1925, the Directors
have decided that as regards those
shareholders (having a registered
address in the Far East) who do
not feel themselves (owing to
present circumstances) in a posi-
tion to accept the Company's offer
on or before the 15th July, 1925,
a further opportunity shall be
given to them to take up the new
shares.

Such shareholders may accord-
ingly take up the new shares on
or before the 15th day of Septem-
ber, 1925, and may pay the first
instalment of \$30 per new share
on or before that date. They will,
however, be required to pay
interest at 6 per cent. per annum
on the amount of such first instal-
ment from the 15th day of July,
1925, until the date of payment.

The second instalment of \$30
per share will be payable not later
than the 15th December, 1925, and
interest upon it will be payable
from the 15th October, 1925, at
the rate of 6 per cent. per annum
until the date of payment.

This notice will not affect those
shareholders who accept or have
accepted the original offer and
who make payment on the dates
originally fixed i.e. as regards the
first instalment on or before the
15th July, 1925, and as regards
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By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 7, 1925.

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CEYLON.****THE PLANTER'S STORY.**

The following are extracts from
a paper read by Dr. Spittel at a
meeting of the Ceylon Natural His-
tory Society:—

Always fascinating and alluring
is the unknown. The Devil Bird
is one of the many mysteries of our
Island. Like the Singing Fish of
the Batticaloa lagoon, it has con-
tinued to baffle us. Long may they
both continue to do so.

The Devil Bird owes its name
not to its appearance which, if I
know it, is handsome; but to its
voice, which is eerie and appalling,
and heard only in wild places in
the silence of night.

The human mind has a leaning to
the supernatural; and one may
paraphrase the extravagantly fanciful
descriptions that have characterised
the reports of most of those who
have had the good fortune to hear
this bird. Here, for instance, is
the story as told by an old-time
planter.

"It was just before the breaking
of the big monsoon. The night was
warm and close. I had been din-
ing at a friend's and was riding
home quietly and soberly along the
bridge-path, in and out among the
deep ravines. Suddenly there was
a cry; then another still more
piercing, and my pony, a brisk,
black, little Pegu, cocked his ears
and bolted. He flew, and in the
twist of a minute he had me off like
a shot. There I lay on my back,
kicking and struggling and crying
blue murder. And all the time
shrill followed shrill, curdling my
very marrow; and the mountains
shrieked in concert until my cheek
paled and I began to pray.

ATTRIBUTED TO OWLS.

"At last they died away—those
awful cries—in one long unearthly
wail. I rolled out more dead than
alive, got home and went to bed.

I did not then know there was
such a thing as a devil-bird in the
Island. I certainly thought some
wretched girl was being killed. I
never slept a wink, but got up be-
fore the sun, and went down to the
next village to rout the villains out,
and there got to know all about
it. "You see," said the head-
man, "last night one of our women
died in labour, and her spirit went
at once into a devil-bird, which
must have been sitting handy. So
when your Majesty hears a devil-
bird again, he still, for it is always
the soul of a woman in pangs, and
it's best to give it a wide berth."

What then is the Devil Bird? So
far, the consensus of recorded opi-
nion seems to be that it is an Owl
—the Brown Wood Owl ("strix
indranee"). Tennant, Layard,
Kelaart, Legge, Neville and many
others accepted this view; and to-
day if you ask at our museum to
be shown the Devil Bird, strix
indranee will be the bird pointed
out to you.

Legge is very unconvincing in
his attempts at proving the bird's
identity; and Neville seems to be
tied up rather in knots, seriously
giving as possible solutions of the
cry, "the dreadful shrieks, like
those of a young child, or those
made by frogs in the jaws of rat-
makes, or in the cruel talons of a
night hawk."

GRIM SUGGESTIVENESS.

It is the human note in these
cries that is their appalling
feature: the one that of a lost soul,
the other that of a person being
grieved. What wonder the villagers
in the localities the bird
haunted, to hunt, hold it in
holy terror, and its cry as of ill
omen. So much so that if it be
heard when a person is seriously
ill, his relations will not bother
much about him, but leave him to
his fate, saying intervention is
useless. They will run away from
the sound, if it be heard close and
stay hushed indoors.

There are scores of people in
Ceylon who have shot the Devil
Bird while it cried; only they are
not the people who write about
such things. I myself know half a
dozen of them, and the descriptions
of every one were in agreement.

Only four days ago I asked a
man who had spent a great part
of his life in the forests whether
he knew what the Devil Bird was
like.

"It is an Eagle with a crested
head," he promptly replied.

"How do you know?" I asked.
"I shot one while it was 'hoo-
ing' and ogling on a large dead
tree one moonlight night by my
camp," he said. "I not only shot
it, but ate its flesh to prove to my
terror-stricken coolies, who ran
away when they first heard the
cry, that it was no demon but a
bird." That is the kind of evi-
dence I have repeatedly elicited
from reliable informants.

Now the question is—Are the
two cries—the long drawn hoo-oo-
and the guttural chortle, so imita-
tive of a person being strangled—
made by the same bird or by
different species?

The cry of the Devil Bird is
generally heard early in the night,
at midnight, and towards dawn.
The hoo cry can be heard far; the

LOCAL STRIKE.**SHANGHAI PAPER'S
COMMENT.****WHY WE MUST WIN.**

The Hongkong strike and the
one at Shanghai, while inter-allied
in some respects, are really
separate and apart, remarks
"Shipping and Engineering"
(Shanghai). While the peg on
which the excuse for the Shanghai
strike was hung was the Nanking
Road shooting affair, there has
been no such excuse for the walk-
out at Hongkong, and the affair
has been from the beginning an
openly anti-British movement,
engineered and financed by the
Bolshevik element which is so
powerful in the Province of
Kwangtung, and in Canton particu-
larly. With the foreigners in
China—and the British and
Japanese particularly—already
experiencing great trouble in
regard to the Shanghai strike and
the general stoppage of shipping,
the Bolsheviks at Canton were
not slow in utilising the oppor-
tunity of striking another blow at
Great Britain through the
medium of the great port of
Hongkong. It will be remembered
that on June 12 the Yunnanese
troops who had been in charge of
Canton for so long were over-
whelmingly routed by the Bol-
sheviki forces, under the wing and
guidance of Soviet emissaries, and
that as a result of that victory a
horrible revolting massacre of the
defeated Yunnanese took place in
Canton. It is well known that the
Seamen's Union (of Chinese)
which has a branch in Shanghai
has its headquarters at Canton,
and that the leaders of that Union
are frankly and avowedly Bol-
sheviki-inclined. It is perhaps
hardly to be wondered at, there-
fore, that when the Bolsheviks
assumed full and unfettered con-
trol of the Kwangtung capital
they should take the first oppor-
tunity of adding to the trouble in
those parts by engineering a
general strike of all kinds of
workers in Hongkong. The
machinery for such a move was,
apparently, all ready, and the
strike commenced to take serious
effect in Hongkong on June 19/20,
and quickly embraced all of the
essential and non-essential ser-
vices affecting the Colony, includ-
ing the most important of all,
shipping. In a short few days the
commerce of the port was practi-
cally tied up; all manner of
Chinese employees, from workers
in Government departments to
houseboys, dockyard workers and
seamen walked out, or, rather,
went out under the duress of
intimidation; and at the end of the
month Hongkong, as Shanghai,
was carrying on as best it could—
and a very good best, be it un-
derstood—with foreigners (including
Americans and other nationalities),
doing their utmost and taking
part in all manner of services,
protection, governmental and
commercial, in order to keep
things going. And so the situa-
tion is at the end of June: Strikers
in all departments of activity in
the Colony, trade disorganised and
every foreigner doing his best to
help to carry on. The Hongkong
strike is wholly one where the
forces of intimidation have been
supreme. It is certain that not
one per cent. of the men out have
wanted to go on strike, or that
they have any serious grievance
against their employers, or the
Hongkong Government, or the
British people generally. It is
simply a move in the gigantic
Bolshevik scheme to get China
under domination, to ruin foreign
trade with the country and to
abrogate foreign influence. To
the ends of such a scheme, the
paralyzation of the commercial
activity of Hongkong is essential,
and there is no doubt that, were
the present strike to realise the
hopes of the Bolsheviks who have
engineered it, it would constitute
a real, a definite and a valuable
step in the ruination of foreign
influence in, and foreign trade
with China. The Government of
Hongkong, however, is living up
to its trust, and the foreign
inhabitants of the Colony are
supporting that trust with every
means at their disposal. The
struggle may be a long-drawn-out
one, but that the forces of law,
order and sanity will eventually
prevail, and that the strikers will
return to their employment
chastened and disillusioned, and
thankful once more to work under
British protection, is inevitable.
Let us hope that that time will
not be too long in coming.

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DISTORTED REPORTS.

Fearless criticism is to be commended when there is evil to be righted; it is excusable when there are two sides to the question and the critic has reason to believe in the justness of his cause; but when delivered in ignorance of the true facts either through lending a too ready ear to contaminated sources or failure to institute proper enquiries it may cause incalculable harm besides damaging the critic's reputation. In the third category, without a shadow of doubt, all who know the true facts of the case must place the article in "John Bull" from which the following is an extract:—"The British cruisers which have arrived in Shanghai and the marines and bluejackets landed in that City are bolstering up the system of child slavery and child-murder and the British taxpayers' money and authority are being employed to enforce indescribable misery, disease and suffering on the infant life of China." As against this terribly distorted version in which there

remains not even a vestige of the truth, let us take the facts as we who are more or less on the spot are aware of them. We know that the industrial conditions in foreign mills in China are undoubtedly superior to anything prevailing in the native mills; we know that the failure to secure the attendance of the two thirds majority of the Shanghai ratepayers which was necessary before reforms in all mills could be instituted was due to the deliberate abstention of a section of the ratepayers who were not British and who had been influenced to that course by owners whose mills would be most affected by the proposed reforms; we know, too, that the British Government proposed to take further steps to legislate in the event of the deadlock resulting from the absence of a quorum continuing. Unfortunately, the proportion of informed to uninformed would be at its lowest amongst those readers of a journal which has come to be regarded as the organ of the "working man" and whilst in many cases the allegations of "British oppression" will conflict with the innate good sense and reason of the "working man" and lead him to a true appraisal of their value, there will be many homes in which credence will be placed in such statements through lack of information to the contrary and the equally untrue statements of members of a certain political party which have re-echoed in the Far East to their everlasting discredit. It was to counteract the influence at home of such gross misrepresentations that the Hongkong resolutions (now supported by Amoy and likely to be further supported in the near future by Shanghai) were despatched home for publication, but if the "champions of the working class" have descended to such depths in their efforts to prove the Government in the wrong and to weaken its hands,

it is doubtful if they will allow to be published in their organs what amounts to a grave censure on themselves. As a result there will still be many at home who will not have a chance of being able to judge for themselves the falseness even of such statements as the following:—"At the bottom of the trouble is the exploitation of the Chinese people by the foreign industrialists in whose interests these costly warships are being despatched to China." In a previous article we gave it as our considered opinion that at "the bottom of the trouble" was Bolshevik activity and almost it would seem that certain British organs and politicians are going out of their way to encourage it.

SCHOOLBOYS.

If striking or absenting servants are to be punished, it follows that schoolboys who set such a bad example must also be punished. It seems simple logic and simple justice. And if the former did so because of fear—craven or otherwise—then the punishment in the case of schoolboys must be doubly severe; for schoolboys are in the first line of intelligent thought, and of course, know no fear! But, Mrs. Beeton again—first catch your schoolboy striker. And this, in addition to the facts in connection with this particular matter suggests the thought that heads of schools would be far better engaged in considering the effect of their past teaching and influence, and taking steps to make it more perfect than it is. It is possible to write and speak a considerable amount of rubbish on education in Hongkong, and on this subject very few angels step in where fools do not fear to tread. The fact is that a number of Europeans are set in the midst of hordes of boys and young men and expected to give them the essence of Western education. The teachers are European and the young people are Chinese. The hours of tuition bear no comparison with the hours that boys are either in the home or the street. A boy may not even be under direct parental control but under the somewhat hazy guidance of a person known as a guardian. In addition it has to be remembered that just as there are what is known as "rice-christians" there are also those who may be termed "rice-educationists"—the many who desire a smattering—for time and money does not allow of anything else—of that which may possibly help to get them some sort of office positions. This somewhat sketchily states the position; it is designed to show the difficulties attached to local education, which must be the despair of the idealists in a singularly important profession. In addition, it has to be remembered that the schoolboy comes into a contact with masters and superiors, that has hitherto been unknown to him, and, being treated as a supposedly intelligent entity, is prone to lose a sense of proportion, and, in homely phrase, being offered an inch, takes a mile. Above all there is the universal schoolboy spirit—not unknown in Britain—which is quickly roused, passionate, idealistic, and at heart intensely patriotic. Who will deny that the Chinese schoolboy has not been moved with a sense of wrongly inspired patriotism which has moved him to acts of foolishness? If this is agreed, shall we blame the boy or the system or influence which has had no effect upon him in a great crisis, and shall we stoop to punishment where it can be inflicted without any possibility of injustice being done? We are certainly in favour of a measure of punishment, leaving the declaration of that punishment to those in a position best to decree and administer it. In this way, it is likely that youthful culprits will see the error of their ways, and be inclined to use a little thought in future actions. For it is thought that needs to be instilled upon. And if seventeen professors need it, how more, seventeen hundred, or seventeen thousand schoolboys. Suggestions have been made by heads of schools as to future methods. A crisis is of no use if it has not taught anything; and this particular crisis will have been of no avail if it has not urged Heads of Schools, teachers, the Education Department, and the members of the Education Board, to take serious thought for the morrow and to see wherein it is possible to lead to a reasonable state of efficiency. The nation that has the schools has the future, said Bismarck. In the case of Hongkong and the larger case of China, that has still to be proved.

FATAL DIVE.

INQUEST ON INDIAN DRIVER.

An Indian mule driver attached to the Army Service Corps dived from a barge into the R.A.S.C. chamber at the Hongkong Naval Yard on July 7 and was drowned. An inquest was held yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy to inquire into the circumstances.

A fellow Indian mule driver said that he, the deceased and four other men were on guard at the Naval Yard in connection with the strike. After the tiffin interval on the day in question witness went to the chamber for a swim, and while on an anchored steamer to which he had swum he observed deceased about to pump into the water. Witness called to him that the water was deep but he took no notice. He rose to the surface once and then disappeared. Witness swam to the spot but could find no trace of the body.

Lt. Col. C. F. Masters, East Surreys, who was N.C.O. in charge of the guards, said he saw the deceased jump into the water from a barge and as he did not re-appear, witness had the barge removed, thinking that he might have been caught underneath. He then dived into the water followed by others and grapplings were obtained from the water police. Nothing was seen of the body, however, until it rose to the surface 24 hours afterwards.

Staff Sergt. Finlayson, of the Royal Army Service Corps, in reply to a question by the Coroner, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, as to whether he had received orders regarding swimming in the chamber, said that no one was supposed to unless a life boat was in attendance.

Capt. E. W. Morris, in command of the corps, said that he was not aware that Indians bathed in the chamber. Since the fatality strict orders had been issued that nobody was allowed to bathe in the Naval Yard basin.

The Coroner found that the deceased met his death through an accident. If the unfortunate man had not either deliberately or ignorantly disobeyed orders the accident would not have occurred. No blame could be attached to anyone.

POETIC CHINA.

RAILWAY CENTENARY, TRIBUTE.

On July 3 the delegates to the tenth International Railway Congress were entertained at the wagon works by the London and North-Eastern Railway—an event which explains why the railway centenary is being celebrated now instead of in September. Railwaymen from most countries where the steel offspring of Stephenson's genius link town and country and sea together have met in England for that conference. Mainly through the initiative of workmen on the Italian railways, a handsome bronze shield was presented in recognition of Great Britain's record as the railway pioneer. But another tribute, sent all the way from China, is of at least equal interest. It takes the form of three exquisitely embroidered scrolls, the black Chinese characters showing in bold relief against the golden background. Mr. Chin Chun Wang, chief delegate of the Chinese Government to the International Railway Congress, has translated the message of the scrolls as follows:—

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CRUISER "BRISBANE'S" MOVEMENTS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—The recent reports in the Press about the solicitude of the Australian Labour Party over the employment of H.M.A.S. "Brisbane" in China are misleading. They give one the impression that the "Brisbane" has left Hongkong for Mediterranean waters as the result of the discussion in the Australian Federal Parliament.

That is not so. The "Brisbane" joined the China fleet early in May in accordance with arrangements made earlier, to serve as an exchange ship in place of one of the British ship doing duty with the Australian fleet. And, also in accordance with the previous arrangement, she has left Hongkong, not for the Mediterranean but for Australia. Her future movements will not be influenced by the present state of China.

Yours, etc.,
ONE WHO KNOWS.

Hongkong, August 4.

SCHOOLS AND THE STRIKE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—First of all let me say that I think the students in the Hongkong Schools had very little to do with and very little influence in the strike, and that any students who caused trouble should be treated as children and punished accordingly. Secondly, the fees at all Government Schools should be carefully revised. The trouble began in the Government School, Queen's College, where the fees are much too low and are the same as they were in 1910, viz. \$60 per annum for a Day Boy. Several other schools in the Colony, Church and Mission Schools and Private Schools, have much higher fees and have raised their fees in recent years; for example, the fees at some schools are as high as \$160 or more per annum for a Day Boy. I do not advocate that all fees should be the same, but it is worthy of note that to educate a boy in a Grant-in-Aid Non-Government School costs the Government, on the average, about one-quarter the cost in a Government School like Queen's College, for the same type of education.

I beg to suggest that the Government should

(1) Fine \$10 all boys who were absent from Queen's College on June 18, and refuse them admittance to all other schools in the Colony.

(2) In future, charge an Entrance Fee of \$10 for all new boys at Queen's College.

(3) Double or increase the fees at all Government Schools.

(4) Forbid all other schools in the Colony, Grant-in-Aid and Private Schools, to admit boys who leave Queen's College without meeting the conditions laid down.

(5) Have a more strict inspection of all schools teaching work up to Matriculation Standard, and not controlled by and/or staffed with at least one European teacher.

(6) Keep in touch more closely, through English Inspectors, with the Vernacular Schools.

(7) Give the Heads of Schools regular opportunities of discussing educational matters with the Education Department and have several Heads of Schools on the Board of Education.—Yours, etc.,
A. Z.

Hongkong, Aug. 4, 1925.

DRIVER'S CLAIM.

A taxi-cab driver claimed in the Summary Court yesterday, \$100 deposited with his previous employers, the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company.

This money was deposited by him when he signed a contract with the Company and if his service had been continued would have been returned to him at the end of three years.

His Lordship held that the contract covered the action of the employers and that the man could not claim the return of the money.

Mr. M. K. Lo applied for permission to amend his claim to one of damages for wrongful dismissal and this was granted, the case being adjourned sine die.

Mr. Turner, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, represented the Taxi-Cab Company.

UTRECHT FAIR.

Holland's International Industries Fair will be held at Utrecht from 8 to 17 September, 1925.

The Netherlands Consul General in Hongkong has received forms of application for participation, stating the tariff of the rental of sample rooms. These forms can be had on application.

TYPHOON DAMAGE.

IMPORTANT SUPREME COURT ACTION.

HON. MR. H. W. BIRD'S EVIDENCE.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird was cross-examined this morning in connection with a Supreme Court action for the setting aside of an award made by him as arbitrator in connection with houses built in Kennedy Road and which were damaged by a landslide caused by the typhoon of 1923.

The case for the plaintiff is that under an agreement the contractor who erected the houses to plaintiff's order was liable for any such damage and had no right to claim extra in respect of it. Mr. Bird, in his award, had found for the contractor.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, counsel for the plaintiff, asked Mr. Bird if he had not put the following question to the plaintiff when the arbitration proceedings were proceeding: "If the damage to a contractor through typhoon damage was something like \$200,000 would you still expect him to shoulder the loss?"

Mr. Bird: Something to that effect.

Mr. Jenkin: And your reply to that was "Oh, no, you cannot break a man like that."

Mr. Bird: Something like that.

Mr. Jenkin: It would be in your mind that it was an unjust thing to penalise a contractor where the damage was very large and that therefore it was not when the damage was small. Must you not keep to the principle in adjudicating on these matters?

Mr. Bird: I tried to bring the matter home to him.

Mr. Jenkin further suggested in the course of cross-examination that Mr. Bird showed great haste and impatience with the plaintiff in the course of the arbitration because of the insistence with which he struck to his ground that according to contract he should not be saddled with such a large sum of money.

Mr. Bird replied that he had shown no undue haste but that he had made it quite clear to the plaintiff that it was no use arguing that particular point as he had already made up his mind about it.

Asked why he did not at the time of the interview look at the particular clause in the agreement referred to by the plaintiff Mr. Bird said that he was already fully conversant with it.

In a declaration sworn to quite recently by Mr. Bird, said Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Bird had corrected a statement made previously that only one party had been present at the hearing and had amended it so that it read both were present. The statement was not even yet clear, said Mr. Jenkin, for it would be a fair reading of the amended statement to infer that both had given evidence.

Mr. Bird: Both were present but Lam Tuk (the contractor) was not called upon to say anything. Why I did not say so in the first statement I cannot remember. It was over a year ago. In the course of evidence Mr. Bird had stated that there was no need for Lam Tuk to be called upon as his case was simply the presenting of a bill of extras. The case was adjourned.

Earlier Evidence.

The case was closed yesterday afternoon of the plaintiff in a Supreme Court action respecting an award made by the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird as arbitrator.

In his final argument for the man who had let out a contract for the building of two houses in Kennedy Road, Mr. F. C. Jenkin said that the arbitrator's award was most improper and unreasonable enough to amount to a miscarriage of justice. Mr. Bird had found that the contractor was entitled to claim extras from plaintiff in respect of typhoon damage whilst the houses were in course of construction and had refused to look at the contract between the two parties.

The plaintiff, said counsel, had no idea that the arbitration proceedings had concluded when it appeared later that they had done. Seven weeks of silence had followed certain earlier proceedings and had the plaintiff known that a summons to the office of Messrs. Palmer and Turner with which they were followed, was looked upon as final he would have asked permission to call upon the services of a lawyer. Had he consulted one the advice would have been given him to call on the arbitrator to state a special case to place before a court.

Thirty-three words, written on a small piece of ordinary notepaper, disposed of the property of the late Mr. C. Montague Ede, the sole executrix, being Mrs. Montague Ede. The property in Hongkong of the deceased was mostly in the form of shares in local companies and the net personalty of these in \$1,222,037.45. Estate Duty of \$60,084.25 has been paid to the Hongkong Government.

SHARE MARKET.

NOTHING TO BE DONE.

FINANCIAL DEPRESSION.

Seen by a "China Mail" reporter this morning, a leading stockbroker said that there was little to be done in Ice House Street where the accumulated business had still to be cleared up.

"Even nominally," he admitted, "arrears had not been made good and the only thing to do was to wait for a return to normal times. Financially, the position was no better off than when the trouble began although in other directions there had been vast improvement."

"Money cannot be got out of the ground," the speaker replied to a query, "not even on gilt-edged security."

VALLEY FLOOD.

STEAM ROLLER WATCH-MAN'S DEATH INQUIRY.

Sitting as Coroner at the Central Magistracy yesterday, and assisted by a jury composed of Messrs. D. Temperley (foreman), A. D. Russell and C. J. Joseph, Mr. S. B. B. McDermid conducted an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of a P.W.D. coolie named Tong Fat, who was guarding a P.W.D. steam roller, during the recent floods at Happy Valley.

Mr. M. W. Lo appeared on behalf of the directors of the Young Wo Nursing Home, and Mr. E. F. C. Brooks watched proceedings on behalf of Dr. Leung Cheung-man.

The Coroner said that the man was killed by the collapse of a wall, and there was therefore the question of responsibility. He asked the solicitors to refrain from making questions which were not concerned with the proceedings as a death inquiry.

Dr. E. P. Minnett deposed to having conducted a post mortem examination on June 17, on the body of a coolie identified as Tong Fat. The ribs on the right side were broken and the liver and spleen were ruptured. Witnesses considered that death must have been instantaneous.

A Chinese constable said that at 1.30 a.m. on June 16, he received a report that a tea-shop had been washed away by the flood. On arriving at the scene he found a man lying dead across the nullah on the riverbank.

The body was lying in water, and the arms were pinioned with stones. Another body was found half an hour later. Both the bodies were taken to the mortuary where they were identified.

Dr. Chan Wai-cheung, managing director of the Young Wo Nursing Home, gave evidence describing the state in which he found the Home on the night of the flood.

The next witness was Lo Shun-ah, foreman for the Tung San contractors, owners of the site. After a series of questions put to this witness by the foreman of the jury and the Coroner, it was elicited that he was in charge of the building of the wall on a plan prepared by Mr. Raven. His instructions were to construct the wall with one part of cement and six parts of sand, the latter being taken from the hillside. There were also bands of cement concrete running through the wall, the concrete being composed of one part cement, three parts sand, and six parts stone. The wall was 20 feet above the level of the ground with a base of nine feet. Witness stated that the construction of the wall commenced in January and the work was finished three days before the accident, but there had not been enough time for the mortar to settle down.

A report on the site was submitted by Mr. Boothby, engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and Mr. H. A. Goldsmith, engineer in charge of roads, P.W.D., gave evidence as to drainage on Stubbs Road.

The inquiry was adjourned until this afternoon.

CONTRADICTORY.

CHARGE AGAINST A COOLIE DISMISSED.

A coolie was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with depositing night soil at the back of Aimal Villas.

The complainant, Mr. E. C. Bell, a special constable, deposed to having seen the accused emptying a bucket into a surface gutter.

The accused denied the complainant's story.

Mrs. King, of No. 2, Aimal Villas, stated in evidence that she saw the accused, after cleaning her bathroom, put the night soil into the servants' lavatory and not into the gutter.

Other evidence was also tendered, which all went in favour of the accused.

His Worship said that he could not convict on evidence which was contradictory, and discharged the accused.

HOME CRICKET.

34,000 WATCH HOBBS PLAY.

BANK HOLIDAY MATCHES.

After the August Bank Holiday the counties have generally sorted themselves out in the Home cricket season.

Results which came in this morning show that Yorkshire (the champions) and Surrey (who are second) were both checked. However, they retain their respective places in the table, although Lancashire are only a fraction behind Surrey.

It will be seen that J. B. Hobbs has still to make that century to tie the record standing in the name of Dr. W. G. Grace, namely, 126 centuries in first-class cricket. The Oval record crowd mentioned by Reuter must have been sorely disappointed when their favourite failed and when Notts robbed the home side of four points.

"Even if Lancashire do not bear out the prediction of 'Plum' Warner that they will win the championship, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they made their traditional rivals, Yorkshire, drop eight points, in the two matches. No other team has deprived the White Rose of more than two points. However, Yorkshire seem assured of the top place as they have only one more stiff match, that with Surrey at the Oval, commencing this Saturday. Surrey won the corresponding match last year and it is to be hoped that Sadler, the Surrey fast bowler, will rout the Northerners again if only to keep up interest till the end.

On the other hand, Surrey have two more difficult fixtures, home and away with Middlesex. There are no matches of importance beginning to-day.

Results as cable and the table posted up to date are as follow:—

Surrey's Record Crowd.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 4. A record crowd of 34,000 went yesterday (August Bank Holiday) to the Oval to see the second day's play in the Surrey v. Notts match, in which the visitors took first innings points. Scores:—

Notts (1st innings) 313 runs. A. W. Carr made 53, Whysall 50. Surrey (1st innings) 302 runs. Hobbs made 54, Sandham 69 and D. R. Jardine (the old Oxford Blue) 53.

Notts (2nd innings) 223 runs for 4 wickets declared. A. W. Carr made 107 runs not out.

Surrey (2nd innings) 93 runs for 3 wickets. Hobbs made only one run.

[As Surrey led at Trent Bridge, Notts have had their revenge by this match.]

Middlesex Scrape Home. At Brighton Sussex lost to Middlesex by one wicket. Scores:—

Sussex (1st) 117 runs. Nigel Haig took 4 wickets for 30 runs and Hearne [J.W.] 5 for 39.

Middlesex (1st) 227 runs. Hendren made 82 not out; Tate took 6 wickets for 72 runs.

Sussex (2nd) 201 runs. Middlesex (2nd) 92 runs for 9 wickets. Tate took 4 wickets for 33 runs and Wensley 5 for 41.

[Middlesex also won the first match at Lord's and have thus obtained full points.]

Kent Beat Hants. At Canterbury Kent beat Hampshire by six wickets. Scores:—

Hants (1st) 170 runs. Mead made 82; C. S. Marriott (the old



F. E. Woolley.

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Points	Per Cent
Yorkshire	22	17	0	3	110	95
Surrey	19	13	3	1	95	75
Lancashire	23	15	3	5	115	80
Middlesex	15	10	2	2	75	55
Notts	18	9	3	5	90	53
Kent	19	10	7	1	95	54
Essex	22	9	5	4	110	61
Gloucestershire	21	9	9	2	105	50
Northamptonshire	18	8	8	0	90	42
Warwickshire	19	5	10	3	95	35
Hampshire	19	4	10	5	95	35
Sussex	21	6	11	1	105	36
Somerset	19	3	10	4	95	29
Leicestershire	19	4	11	2	95	28
Derbyshire	19	4	10	1	95	27
Worcestershire	21	4	14	0	105	23
Glamorgan	18	1	16	0	90	6

Cambridge Blue) took 6 wickets for 80 runs.

Kent (1st) 232 runs. Woolley [F.E.] made 70; Kennedy took 6 wickets for 62 runs.

Hants (2nd) 161 runs. Mead made 71; C. S. Marriott took 5 wickets for 56 runs, Freeman [A.P.] 5 for 42.

Kent (2nd) 100 runs for 4 wickets. Hardinge made 52 not out.

[This is also a return match: Hampshire won the first and Kent have now reversed the result.]

Battle of the Roses. At Sheffield Yorkshire lost first innings points to Lancashire. Scores:—

Lancs. (1st) 320 runs. Makepeace made 90, Hallows 79. Yorks (1st) 277 runs. Sutcliffe made 62, Leyland 80 not out. Lancs. (2nd) 74 runs for 6



Roy Kilner.

wickets. Kilner [R.] took 5 wickets for 14 runs.

[As will be seen in the table, Yorkshire is the only county that has not been defeated this season. They have only lost first innings points twice and Lancashire inflicted the check in both cases.]

Derby's Stout Fight. At Derby, Derbyshire was led on the first innings by Warwickshire. Scores:—

Derby (1st) 134 runs. Warwick (1st) 297 runs. Parsons made 76, Bates 77.

Derby (2nd) 253 runs for 8 wickets. G. R. Jackson, the captain, made 60.

[In the first match between these two counties this season, Warwick also led on the first innings.]

Leicester Lead Northants. At Leicester, Leicestershire led Northamptonshire on the first innings. Scores:—

Leicester (1st) 245 runs. Astill made 80 and Berry 51; Clark [E.C.], a young, fast, left-handed bowler, took 5 wickets for 56 runs.

Northants (1st) 147 runs. V. W. C. Jupp made 67 not out; Skellding took 5 wickets for 44 runs.

Leicester (2nd) 146 runs. V. W. C. Jupp took 4 wickets for 22 runs.

Northants (2nd) 120 runs for 6 wickets. [Leicester obtained full points in the first match, away.]

Worcester v. Essex. At Worcester, Worcestershire lost first innings points to Essex. Scores:—

Worcester (1st) 241 runs. O'Connor took 5 wickets for 40 runs.

Essex (1st) 277 runs. P. Perrin made 52 and L. C. Eastman 60.

Worcester (2nd) 118 runs. L. C. Eastman took 6 wickets for 29 runs.

[Essex won the first match at home.]

Dipper's Big Scores. At Bristol Gloucestershire led Somerset on the first innings. Scores:—

Gloucester (1st) 360 runs. Dipper made 150, Bloodworth 67; J. J. Bridges took 6 wickets for 82 runs.

Somerset (1st) 221 runs. J. C. W. MacBryan made 63, P. R. Johnson 58; Parker took 5 wickets for 7 runs.

Gloucester (2nd) 155 runs for 6 wickets. Dipper made 71.

[In the opening fixture, Gloucester obtained full points, playing away.]

"Friendly" Match. The match between Glamorgan and Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI was left drawn. Scores:—

Glamorgan (1st) 214 runs. The XI (1st) 141 runs. Hearn made 51; Mercer took 4 wickets for 26 runs and Ryan 6 for 60.

Glamorgan (2nd) 193 runs for 3 wickets. T. Arnott made 51, Reel 93.

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VICTORIOUS F.A. TEAM.

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Perth, Aug. 4.

The soccer team sent out by the English F.A., who have been representing England in a tour in Australia, have sailed for Home.

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[N.B.—The tourists won every match they played.]

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In the Garrison Tennis League the following matches were played last week:—

Headquarters Wing, East Surrey Regiment beat R.A.M.C. by 57 games to 42.

R.E. "B" beat R.A.O.C. by 64 to 35.

"D" Company, East Surrey Regiment beat H.Q. Wing, East Surrey Regiment by 53 to 46.

The league table to date is:—

Played. Points.

R.E. "B" 9 9
R.A.O.C. 8 7
H.Q. Wing, Surreys 9 6
Small Units 8 4
"A" Co., Surreys 8 3
R.A.S.C. 6 3
"D" Co., Surreys 6 2
R.E. "A" 7 2
R.A.M.C. 7 0
"B" Co., Surreys 4 0

The "China Mail" understands that Lance-Corporal Frederick Bayard of the East Surrey Regiment, sentenced yesterday for the theft of seven towels and a pair of shoes from Chinese shops, is not a member of the Surrey band as indicated in the report of the proceeding. Bayard is a drummer and in no way connected with the regimental band.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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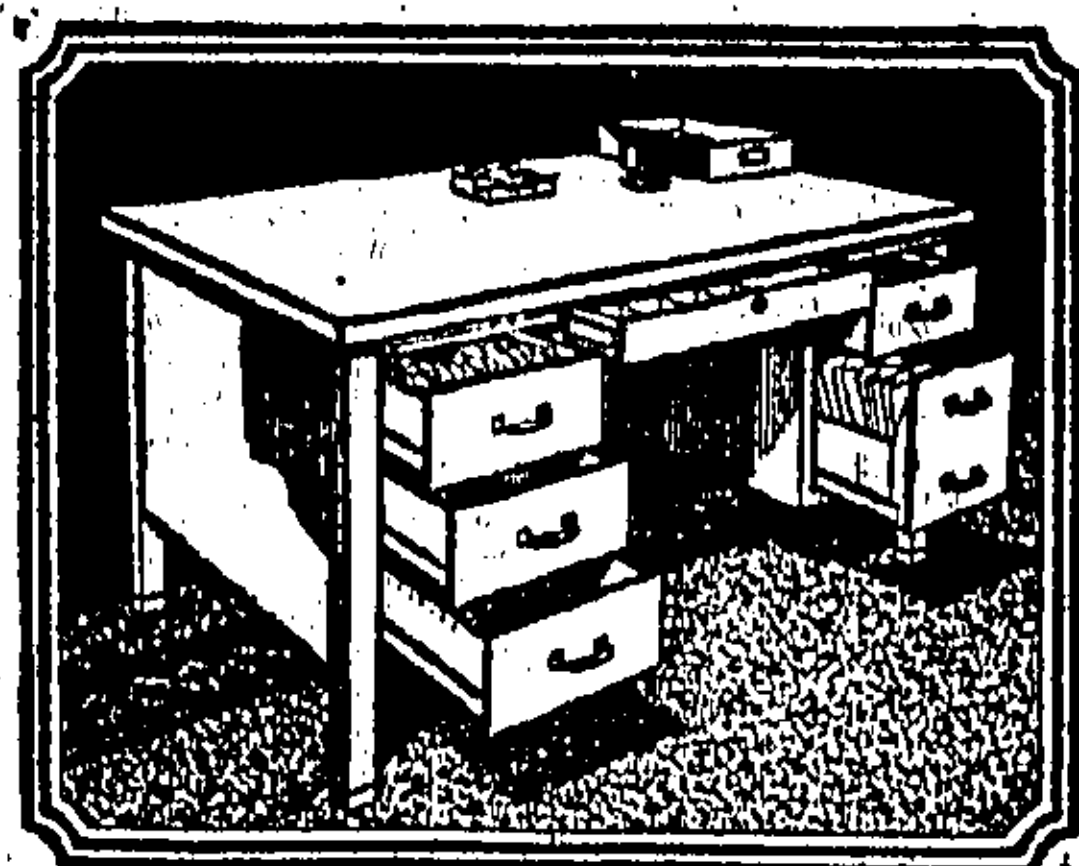
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"HOLLIA"	6,813	16th Aug.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"MACDONALD"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marselles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	5,324	28th Aug.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
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"NARAYANA"	10,327	14th Sept.	Marselles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	19th Sept.	Port Said, Marselles, London and Antwerp
"KALMALA"	9,118	3rd Oct.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"MOUDAN"	6,689	15th Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"MALWA"	10,741	17th Oct.	Marselles & London
"HOLLIA"	6,813	24th Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"KHYBER"	9,118	31st Oct.	Marselles, London and Antwerp
"KALMALA"	10,742	14th Nov.	Marselles, London and Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,465	28th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
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"MALWA"	10,741	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MOUDAN"	6,689	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KHYBER"	9,118	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"HOLLIA"	6,813	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,742	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,465	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TANDA"	8,868	7th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,741	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,465	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MOUDAN"	6,689	18th Nov.	Shanghai and Kobe
"MACDONALD"	11,089	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,868	12th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KHYBER"	9,114	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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ODDS AND ENDS

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High tea—let us whisper it—has become one of the most fashionable meals of this season (says a "Daily News" writer). Opera-goers, in the first instance, were the innovators. The early hour at which many of the Wagner operas began called for a meal much earlier than the usual time of dinner, so tea was moved forward an hour and eggs, salads, fish, and preserves added to the customary toast and tea. Now the younger generation, keen for an evening's open-air sport in the cool of the day, have adopted the custom.

Princess Mary.

Princess Mary is returning to Goldborough next month, and preparations are already being made for the reception of the Royal mistress (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). A friend of mine who lives near, tells me that the villagers are very much looking forward to having the Princess and her two small sons back among them. There is much local pride also in the fact that the Queen is again going to stay with her daughter this summer, and, according to present plans, will be at Goldborough for at least a week.

Duplicate Dresses at Ascot.

Women seem to have lost all desire for exclusiveness in dress (says an "Evening Standard" writer). In Edwardian times a society beauty would certainly have left the course and dismissed her dressmaker if she had found another woman wearing a duplicate of her own gown. But there were many copies of the same model to be seen in the Royal Enclosure. Two duchesses only laughed to find themselves dressed almost alike, and two young ladies of the Royal Family wore the same design in printed chiffon, though the colour was different.

Earl Haig 64.

Earl Haig celebrated his 64th birthday on Friday by sailing for Canada. He is to preside over the All-Empire Conference of the British Empire Service League, which is to open at Ottawa on the 29th. After that Lord and Lady Haig will travel as far West as Winnipeg and Regina (states the London "Evening News"). A member of the British Ministry of Pensions is attending the Conference at Ottawa in order to inquire into certain matters connected with the pensions of former members of the Imperial Army who have settled in the Dominion.

The Curzon Wedding.

The announcement that the marriage of Lady Alexandra Curzon and Major Metcalfe, the Prince of Wales's adviser on the purchase of horses, will take place in the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on July 21, means disappointment for numbers of wedding lovers (relates the "Star"). But for the King's concession the event would have been a St. Margaret's, Westminster, affair. It is understood. The chapel accommodation is strictly limited, and, as the public are not allowed into the courtyard outside, the crowd can only get a fleeting glimpse of the bride. Permission to get married in the chapel is a privilege accorded to only a few favoured folk. Countess Zia Torby and Major Harold Verrier, the Duke of Marlborough's sister, Lady Norah, and Mr. F. Bradley-Birt, the future bride's sister, Lady Cynthia Curzon, and Mr. Oswald Mosley, Lord Marsham and Miss Marie Keppel, and the King and Queen are a few of the couples who have been married in the Chapel Royal, St. James's.

A Poetic Wells.

Although Mr. H. G. Wells's eldest son is an extremely able young man, who, it is rumoured, will shortly be made a don at Cambridge, he does not show any signs of becoming a novelist (remarks a "Daily Chronicle" writer). Frank, his young brother, however, has a useful talent for verse, and has just written the lyrics for the new Footlights Show, which has the alluring title of "On with the Vogue." But at present motor cycling is his really serious interest in life, and he is reputed to know more about this art than most other people in Cambridge.

A Novelist in Debate.

Sheila-Kaye-Smith has as wonderful a command of words when speaking as when she is wielding the pen of the ready writer, and in addition to all a delightful personality. She received quite an ovation when, in a jade and silver frock, she addressed the members of the Writers' Club and their friends on the subject, "Is Novel Writing Too Easy?" The author made her points well, as might have been expected from the creator of "Joanna" (reports a "Westminster Gazette" writer); but only those who had had previous experience of Miss Kaye-Smith's powers as a speaker were prepared to hear so epigrammatic and witty a speech. The debate which followed was full of interest. Mrs. Baillie-Reynolds was in the chair.

Sir Oliver Lodge, 74.

Sir Oliver Lodge is now 74. He was born at Penk-hull, Staffordshire, and his earliest recollections are of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny (says the "Star"). At the age of six he was fascinated by locomotives; at 12, he was an enthusiastic student of astronomy; at 14, his father took him from school to join his business—pottery materials—merchants. The boy wanted to go to the University, but the father had other plans, and converted his business into Oliver Lodge and Son. However, he was released from business when he was 22 to 23 to attend University College, London, living in one room, and doing a little teaching. A "revolver from home" (his own phrase), the only aid he received from his parents was "surreptitious hampers" from his mother. Gifted with a prodigious memory, he could when quite young almost repeat a page after one reading. He has six sons and five daughters, and now lives at Lake, near Salisbury.

Fashion Loses Weight.

A woman who was going to Ascot the other day told me that she had put her entire outfit—chiffon gown, silk under garments, hat, shoes and handbag—on the bathroom scale, and found that it weighed only an ounce or so more than the hat in which she went to Ascot as a debutante fifteen years ago (remarks an "Evening Standard" writer). On that occasion the hat had given her a headache, and she had had the curiosity to weigh it, complete with its four large-headed pins, when she got home. One sees far fewer women now-a-days, and I daresay that the lightness of clothes has a good deal to do with the prevailing feminine femininity of expression. There are annual lamentations for the lost gaiety of the days when the rank and fashion drove to Ascot in high hats and feathered bonnets, but I doubt if any of the old-time Ascot scenes had the liveliness and delicacy of colour of the crowd which now goes to Ascot by special train.

Dog-Rose Dainties.

Dog-roses, sacred to Queen Alexandra, which are now furnishing the most glorious floral feature of the hedge-rows, possess dietical merits sadly neglected in these days (says the "Morning Post.") Most country housewives know that many dainty preparations can be obtained from the hips of the wild rose, but it is less widely known that a preserve of the blossoms is also employed in our village confectionery, as well as among the North Germans. These flowers are still considered a luxury by the Chinese, and Sir John Davis, describing a feast given to him at Shanghai, mentions a ragout of dog-roses dressed whole. He disapproved of the celestial and ambrosial dish, and therein differs from old John Gerard, who affirms that wild roses are greatly to be desired, as a culinary vegetable, "as well for their virtues and goodness in taste, as also for their beautiful colour."

The All-pervading Noel.

Mark Twain once complained that it was almost impossible to see anything in Rome that wasn't done by Michael Angelo. I am beginning to feel there is very little in London this summer except the heat and Mr. Noel Coward (writes "Newsman" in the "Daily News"). Mr. Coward insists on pervading everything. He provides you with first nights. He provides you with a chance to revive that ancient subject—the degeneration of the British stage. He has three plays and a revue running at the same time. I heard a man humming a tune recently. He said, "I heard it in 'On With the Dante,' and it has haunted me since." "Who wrote it?" I asked. "Noel Coward," he said. (Noel gave up singing his own songs and dancing his own dances some little while ago.) I found another man reading a play. My premonition was correct. It was Mr. Coward's "Hay Fever." There is a new book lying on the office table. It is "Three Plays by Noel Coward, with a preface." There was a queue outside a certain theatre despite the heat. It was waiting to see Mr. Coward's "Fallen Angels." I opened my "Times Literary Supplement." The first thing that caught my eye was a review of a book of parodies on the Sitwell family, written by Mr. Noel Coward. An evening newspaper quotes Mr. Noel Coward on "the disgraceful state of the English Theatre." Then a kind friend writes—"You may be interested to hear Mr. Noel Coward has left London for his villa in Minorca. Interested? Rather. The only point is that, though Mr. Coward's physical presence is gone, his influence, like the heat, is inescapable."

Some of the concessions at the Paris Modern Art Exhibition advertise that in their booths were "four languages spoken: English, Irish, Scotch and American."

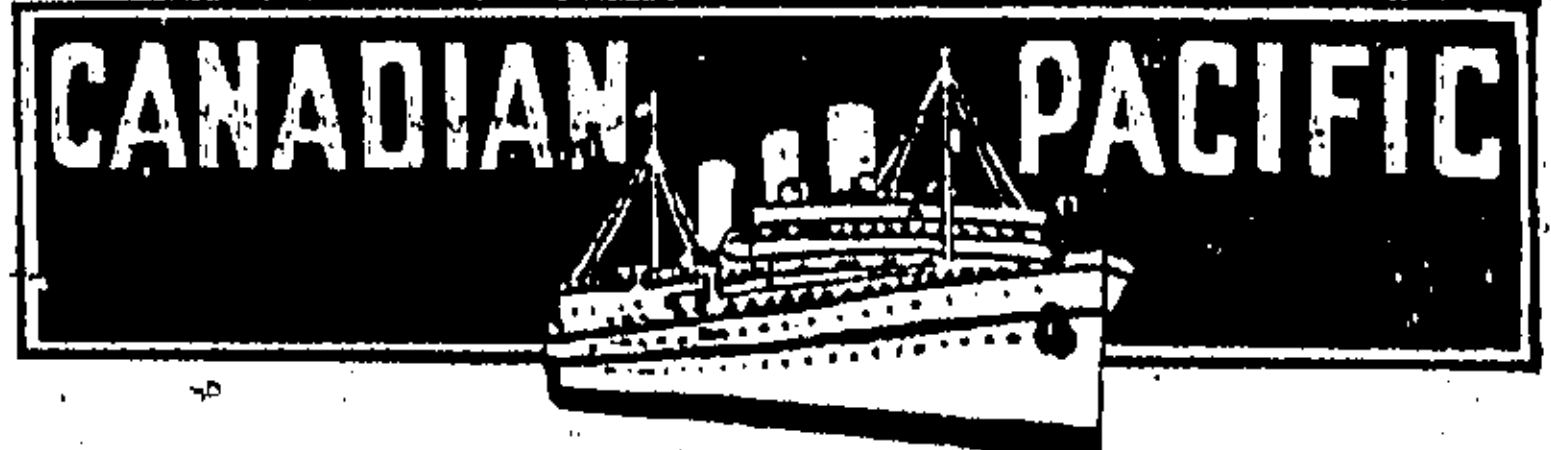
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TALK OF A COOLIE'S PAY.

It is rumoured that the Canton Government is keeping the 100,000 strikers who left Hongkong for the Chinese City, where they are getting twenty cents a day and one meal, in case it has to increase the army owing to a revival of the strike with the Yunnanese, remarks "The Topicist" in the "Singapore Free Press." The Topicist sees No. 1 boy of his own bachelor mess in the forefront of the battle, noisily warbling "The Minstrel Boy to the War has gone, And has left his pe-e-rks behind him."

Hongkong generally has got its back up. Instead of bribing the house servants who went on strike because they were (or said they were) threatened, the idea is to pay them no wages at all for June, while absent, and re-instate them not on more favourable terms, but on worse. "That'll teach the varnishes." The magistrate has held that a master who likes to prosecute a striker can secure judgment for a month's wages for leaving without notice. We hope he may get it.

This reminds one of an experience in Singapore. A coolie was caught stealing, was convicted and sent to jail for a month. When he came out he demanded, in addition to the pay due to him, a month's wage in lieu of notice. Not to be done, the employer counter-claimed for a month's wages, also in lieu of notice, and the two cases came before the magistrate. Ex-prisoner coolie makes his statement, which wasn't exactly the whole truth, but was true in that his services were dispensed with. The employer was his own lawyer and the first question he asked was "Why did you leave?" "Jail." "Why?" "False case of stealing." "From whom?" "You." The magistrate's eye twinkled. Claim dismissed with costs. Counter-claim admitted, with costs. In default of payment, imprisonment for a fortnight. Wah!

WITH ONE HEAD.

FRENCH POLICY IN
FAR EAST.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Aug. 4.
Speaking of the attitude of France in the Chinese affair, the "Journal" states that the Foreign Powers should modify their conduct toward China. As far as concerns France, she ought to create a High Commissionership which would depend upon the Ministries of Foreign Affairs for the Colonies and upon which French diplomats in the East and the Governor of Indo-China would depend. Such an institution would enable France to follow in the Far East a methodical policy.

NURSES RESCUED.

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(Reuters Service.)

Peking, Aug. 4.
A message from Chekiang states that a Chinese mob, yesterday, raided the Church Missionary Society's hospital at Hangchow. The raiders captured two male nurses, who were somewhat ill-treated. However, they were eventually rescued, without serious injury, by a party of Chinese Police who have now promised to protect the hospital.

NAVAL TOUR.

AMERICAN FLEET LEAVES
MELBOURNE.

(Reuters Service.)

Melbourne, Aug. 4.
The first departures of the American Fleet began this morning, when the light cruisers left for Hobart.
The main fleet, including Seattle, flagship of Admiral Coontz, and three other battleships all leave on Thursday.

SUN PAO-CHI.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO
MOSCOW.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, Aug. 4.
A mandate, issued last night, appoints Mr. Sun Pao-chi as the first Chinese Ambassador to Moscow.
[Sun Pao-chi has been a Cabinet Minister in Peking for some time.]

RIFF WAR.

FRENCH INFANTRY IGNORE
HEAT.

(Reuters Service.)

Paris, August 4.
A communique from Rabat states that extensive operations were undertaken by mobile columns, on August 2, in the north-western districts, where the enemy had recently penetrated in large numbers. The result was the ejection of the enemy from their stronghold in the Azjen Mountains. The enemy fled in disorder, leaving sixty dead. Newspaper despatches, describing the operations, state that the French infantry fought most vigorously and tenaciously despite the intense heat.

DUTCH MINISTRY.

TWO DEPARTMENTS IN
ONE.

(Reuters Service.)

Amsterdam, August 4.
Following the recent announcement by the Premier, Herr Colijn, in regard to the amalgamation of the Ministries of War and Marine, it is stated that the new Minister of War, Herr Lambooy, will be given assistance as Director-General in all matters connected with the Navy.

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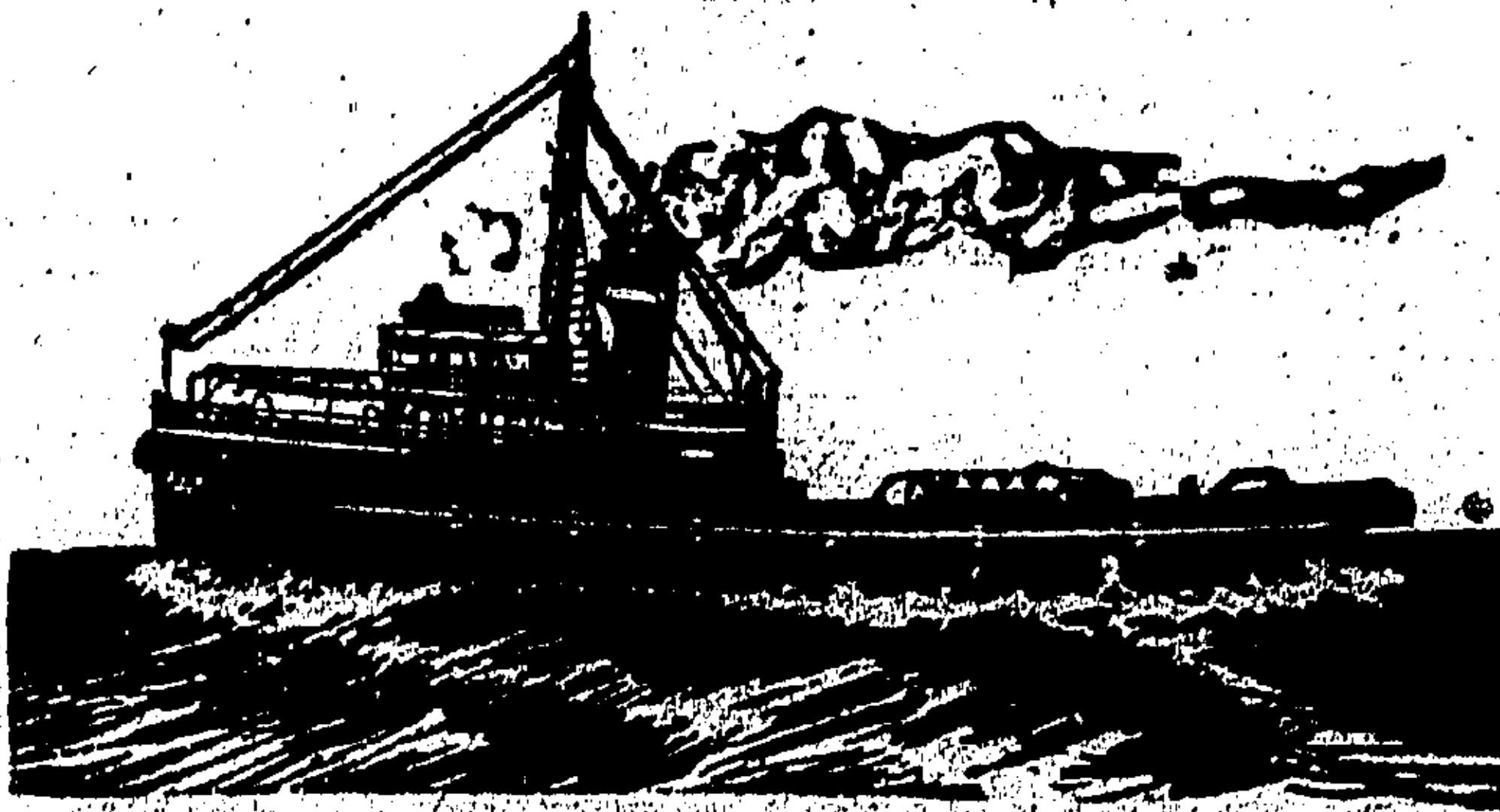
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GOV RALPH BREWSTER (Left).

The Governor Ralph of Maine (left) established a precedent for holders of his office by flying to keep an engagement at a bankers' convention.



MRS. J. P. MORGAN

Mrs. J. P. Morgan, wife of the international financier, underwent a blood transfusion operation after she was suddenly stricken by a strange sleeping sickness.



The MacMillan ship The Perry is shown (left) as it departed from the Charlestown Navy Yard to Wisneset, on the first step of its journey toward the pole. Tugs and coast guard cutters formed an escort.



MRS. LORITA SIMMONS

Mrs. Lorita Simmons is the central figure in a grotesque matrimonial tangle. After divorcing her husband, she married his father, whereupon her former husband sued his father for £4,000 for alienating his wife's affections.



Lady Luck presented James Carow, an English shipping clerk, with nearly £40,000 from a ticket on the Calcutta Derby Sweepstakes. He is shown reading the telegram of his good fortune to his wife.



Here is the gas mask which Dr. Thomas Young, dentist, used in killing his wife, Mrs. Grace Grogan Young. After "putting her to sleep" he buried the body in cement.



Here LINCOLN ELLSWORTH & PRINCESS MAFALDA
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Lincoln Ellsworth, was American pilot for the Amundsen expedition. Princess Mafalda, of Italy, will marry Prince Philip of Hesse, cousin of the former Kaiser. Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, widow of the late Progressive leader, is being supported for her husband's seat in the Senate. Mrs. Guinevere Sinclair Gould, second wife of the late George J. Gould, will receive a \$1,000,000 settlement to stop litigation that has tied up the vast Gould estate for years.



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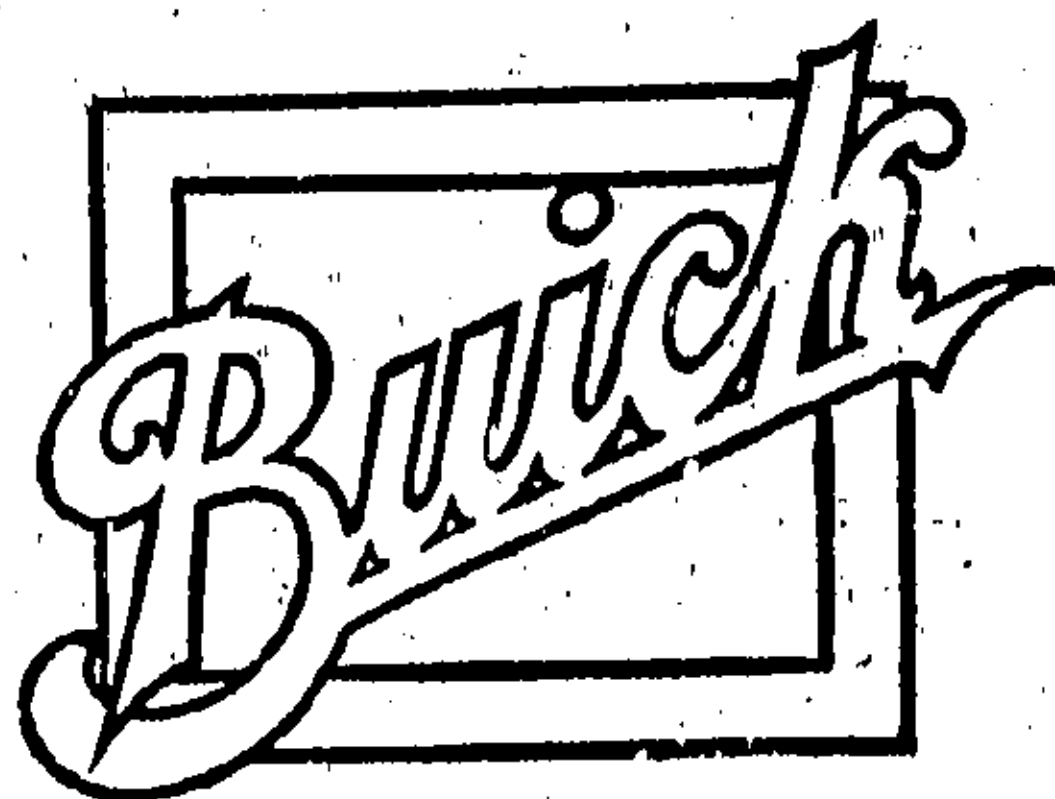
Mr. Robert E. Olds, was appointed by President Coolidge as Assistant Secretary of State, to succeed Mr. John V. A. MacMurray, now Minister to China.



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Commr. Maxwell Scott, the Senior Naval Officer at Canton, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Says Dr. Inge (the Gloomy Dean) on his visit to America: "I met with nothing but courtesy from high and low. The good American is a great gentleman; and this quality seems to be widely diffused, irrespective of differences in social position."

It is not without significance that when a procession of Chinese paraded the streets the other day in Kobe in order to encourage the strike of Chinese seamen, some of the most prominent in the procession were employees of British firms, and these prominent patriots were not themselves on strike.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on July 4:—Lt-Commr. A. S. Acheson, D.S.C., to Cockchafer (July 20), and in command (undated); Sub-Lieuts. G. A. Thring, to Hawkins L. R. K. Tyrwhitt, to Magnolia; and H. B. C. Holmes, to Dido, for emergency destroyers; and Diomedes on commissioning; Payr. Lieut. Commr. T. H. Trust, to Tamar.

The Duchess of York is reported to have been one of the biggest winners of the Royal family at the Ascot race meet. Gossip credits her with having won between £2,000 and £3,000. She celebrated her triumph by giving a smart little dinner at Claridge's, at which a tiny gold race horse was presented to every guest. Princess Mary did not have such good luck. Although she won a considerable sum the first day, the amount being swelled by the victory of her father's Rose Aloysia, she ended the week's betting several hundred pounds the loser.

"It is better to have a loving wife than to make fifty at cricket. It's better to have a loving wife than to make ninety-nine at cricket. I won't go beyond that." Thus cautiously spoke Sir James Barrie—who was a cricketer before he became a famous author—to a Cotswold village cricket team of married men beaten at this game by a combination of bachelors. Several of his hearers had failed to score at all—their record being thus 0, or, in British cricketing parlance, "a duck's egg." Sir James Barrie was thus afforded an opportunity of which, in opening the village clubhouse immediately afterward, he availed himself shamelessly. "I hear funny sounds inside this pavilion," he said. "No one really knows what's inside, but I think I hear ducks laying eggs."

For the three days ended Monday, a clear bill of health for the Colony has to be recorded.

The British American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., announces that as so much unjust propaganda is being directed against it by competitive interests in an effort to boycott the products of the Company, the Company has felt justified in calling the attention of the public to the great quantity of charitable work it has done in China. A list of its charities follows, making a very large total.

President von Hindenburg has objected to the paintings hung by President Ebert in the rooms of the Presidential Palace. President Ebert, who was a great lover of nature, had decorated his rooms almost exclusively with landscape pictures. In his work-living room hung a large landscape, a woman's portrait by Rembrandt and two small water-colours. President von Hindenburg, however, declared they were not cheerful enough for his taste, and has chosen several new pictures at the state picture galleries.

A Biblical ballet has been holding the attention of the Moscow public for some time. It is entitled "Beautiful Joseph," and depicts the incidents of the persecution of Joseph by his brothers, with his sale into Egypt and subsequent adventures there, through the medium of a rich Oriental ballet, with a weird, bizarre musical accompaniment by the modern Russian composer, Vassilenko. A more conventional ballet entitled "Teodolinda," a story of bandits transformed into fauns, with musical accompaniment by Schubert, is given along with "Beautiful Joseph," and the double attraction has for many weeks drawn large crowds to the Experimental Theatre, where it is given.

The Chinese Communists, arrested after the attack on the Chinese Legation at Paris, were taken to the frontier of Belgium to be dumped in that friendly State. As a rule, the Belgian police do not object, but these undesirables were too much for them. John Chinaman was promptly pointed back into France. A French Commissary tried several points along the Belgian frontier, but each time the yellow Reds were returned to him (without thanks). He resolved to try Germany. From Strasbourg he took his protégés to the nearest point of the frontier beyond the Rhine, and told them to go straight on. They did not return. The new Chinese puzzle was solved.

A Naval flight is projected from Yokosuka to Maizuru and across the Japan Sea to Vladivostok, to take place in either July or September. The return trip is expected to take a week. The seaplanes will participate.

Reuter telegraphed from London that Sir John Anthony Cecil Tilley, British Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro since 1921, has been appointed Ambassador at Tokyo. We are authoritatively informed that this appointment does not go into effect until early next year, until when Sir Charles Eliot will remain at Tokyo.

The city of San Francisco contains some very polished letter writers. A Vancouver shipping firm recently wrote to a business connection in the California port asking for confidential opinion as to the financial stability of a resident. The reply stated that the gentleman in question was: "A sort of mercantile Blondin balancing across the whirlpools of bankruptcy upon the tight-rope of stranded credit."

As showing the thoroughness of W. T. Stead, it is related by Aaron Watson in "A Newspaper Man's Memories" that when Mr. Stead was working in Newcastle at the time of the Siege of Paris "he caught the office mice, cooked them with nice care, and served them up to himself on toast, as a means of understanding what sort of experience the besieged residents of Paris were passing through at that time." Hint No. 1 on "How to 'Become a Writer'."

A Dutch shipowner has hit upon a new way of "showing the flag" which opens up rather dreadful possibilities. One of his steamers recently caused a sensation in a Danish port by arriving there flying the Dutch ensign embellished with an advertisement of an oil engine manufacturing firm. Some nasty things were said in the Danish Press regarding this piece of commercial "enterprise," and the Dutch authorities have administered a sharp reproof to those who thus degraded the national flag.

Fifty Boy Scouts from Japan will go to China this summer to spend several weeks in camps there, says an American paper. At the same time some two dozen Chinese Boy Scouts will come to Japan for a visit. This plan of exchanging Boy Scouts with various countries has aroused considerable enthusiasm among Scout leaders in Tokyo. It was stated that the Boy Scout organization of Hungary has begun negotiations with the Japanese organization with the view of exchanging visits.



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